

At present, there is no objection to these village officers being vendors if they apply to the Deputy Commissioner but it is necessary to make it obligatory on them to sell stamps so as to give facilities to the public. This will also give them some more income.

Messrs. Raghavachar and Anniah Pandit suggested that the scheme might be tried in certain places as a tentative measure. This measure might also facilitate identification of buyers and so prevent fraud by facilitating prosecutions.

Per contra—

Mr. Sura Sastry stated that there were already a number of vendors in each taluk and in some big villages, that the practice of writing documents on plain paper was due to the unwillingness of the people to purchase stamp papers and not the difficulty of purchasing them, that the use of plain paper was in evidence even in places where there are vendors, that it was objectionable to allow patels to vend stamps, as they will not be always available in the villages for this purpose, and that the proposal will create more facilities for forgery.

Mr. Narasimhachar of T.-Narsipur stated that fraudulent transactions were invariably on plain paper to secure secrecy, that this practice was resorted to mostly in large cities and that the increase in facilities for the sale of stamps would not remedy the defect pointed out.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration. If possible, increased facilities will be created.

SUBJECT No. 31.

Stamp duty on Powers of Attorney.

Messrs. Krishnamurthyachar, Mulbagal taluk, Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore city municipal council, M. S. Ramachar, Kolar municipality, and G. Narasimhachar, T.-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Powers of Attorney executed in British territory in favour of persons who have to present documents for registration in Mysore have first to be produced before the Deputy Commissioner for payment of the Mysore duty thereon before they are presented for registration. This entails great hardship on parties living far away from district headquarters. The Sub-Registrar may be ordered to levy the duty on such Powers of Attorney and to send the same to the Deputy Commissioners for record of the necessary certificates.

Reply of Government.—There seems to be no *prima facie* objection. Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 32.

Stamp duty on property sold to mortgagee.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As in British territories, the Sub-Registrars may be authorized to grant permission to sell the mortgaged property to the mortgagee on the previous stamp fee paid instead of the District Registrar and the inconvenience now caused be removed.

It was stated that this practice was already in vogue in some places, such as Chikmagalur, T.-Narasipur and Koppa.

Reply of Government.—A circular to that effect will issue. There is no *prima facie* objection.

SUBJECT No. 33.

One anna stamp for certain specified applications.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Court fee stamps of annas 8 are required to be affixed to applications for licenses to build or repair houses, to transport one's own timber and firewood from one place to another, though free license is said to be issued. This works as a hardship. An anna stamp may be prescribed for such applications.

It was stated that for house building, etc., an eight anna stamp was sometimes used through ignorance, though the law required no stamps.

Reply of Government.—Clear instructions explaining the law will issue.

SUBJECT No. 34.

The reorganization of the Police Department.

Messrs. K. Venkatasamiah and Padmanna, Nanjangud taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 35.

Under-trial prisoners in police lock-ups.

Mr. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The police keep under-trial prisoners in their station lock-ups, and torture them during nights till charge sheets are presented thus causing personal injury to the accused. To avoid this, such prisoners should be ordered to be kept in magisterial lock-ups during nights.

Reply of Government.—There are difficulties in the way of complying with the request. The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 36.

Carbon sheets in writing police diaries.

Messrs. K. Venkatasamaiya and Padmanna, Nanjangud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The police should be directed to use carbon sheets when they write their diaries, so that several copies can be had at the same time.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya added that this was the practice in the Madras Presidency.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion will be given effect to.

SUBJECT No. 37.

Police investigating officers.

(a) Mr. Seetharamaiya, Mandya taluk, and

(b) Mr. Munisamappa, Devanhalli municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(a) With a view to avoiding delay, Police Daffedars in charge of police stations may, as before, be authorised to investigate criminal cases.

(b) Daffedars who have passed from the Police Training School may be empowered to investigate simple cases involving properties valued at five rupees.

Mr. Anniah Pandit spoke against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The question of increasing the number of investigating centres is under consideration.

Summary of discussion.—(a) All criminal gangs should be settled as cultivators.

(b) Convicts undergoing more than two years' imprisonment may be employed in cultivation work in Mari-kanave.

SUBJECT No. 38.

Criminal gangs.

(a) Mr. Muniswamappa, Devanhalli municipality.

(b) Messrs. B. Hanumappa, G. Rajappa and G. Siddaveerappa, Bangalore city municipal council.